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1. INDOCHINA

HARRIS POLL FINDS OVERWHELMING POSITIVE PUBLIC ASSESSMENT
PRES' HANDLING MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR (CHITRIB; WP).

DOS SPURNS NVN OFFER NORMALIZE RELATIONS IF US ABIDES
BY C-F PLEDGE TO ASSIST RECONSTRUCTION (CHITRIB).
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SPOKESMAN ANDERSON FINDS OFFER "IRONIC" (WP; PHINQ) IN
VIEW HANOI'S "WHOLESALE VIOLATION" OF C-F. OFFICIALS
SAY RUSH INTO TIES SO SOON AFTER NVN VICTORY WOULD
BE MOCKERY OF US EFFORT AID FORMER GVN; ADD US HAS

LITTLE TO GAIN BY SEEKING ESTABLISH TIES WITH HANOI
NOW, THOUGH SOME SPECULATE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN DRV MIGHT
BE USEFUL TO TEST DEGREE NVN INDEPENDANCE FROM USSR,
CHINA. BUT UNTIL NVN CURTAILS ANTI-US PROPAGANDA,
OFFERS NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITHOUT CONDITIONS, QUESTION
CANNOT BE CONSIDERED SERIOUSLY (NYT). US OFFICIALS
LONG ARGUED NVN C-F VIOLATIONS RELIEVED USG OF OBLIGATIONS
PROVIDE RECONSTRUCTION AID. US REMAINED UNDECIDED ON
QUESTION OF FUTURE RELATIONS WITH SVN. ANDERSON SAID
NO DECISION REACHED ON SAIGON REQUEST TURN FORMER SVN
EMBASSY OVER TO ALGERIA; US OFFICIALS UNDERSTOOD

AWAITING SVN ASSURANCES FRENCH WILL BE PERMITTED TAKE
CUSTODY US EMBASSY AT SAIGON (MILLS, SUN).

PRG ORDERS 3 US JOURNALISTS, UPI'S VOGLE, HUNTLEY
AND AP'S ESPER, LEAVE COUNTRY TO REDUCE NUMBER
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS IN SAIGON (PHINQ). FOUR
JAPANESE, 1 FRG REPORTER ALSO EXPELLED (UPI CHITRIB,
NYT). NOW 20 FOREIGN JOURNALISTS LEFT, INCLUDING
3 AMCITS (UPI, NYT). NEWSMEN STILL IN SAIGON COMPLAINED
TO AUTHORITIES NOT BEING GIVEN ACCESS TO GOVT OFFICIALS
AND MOVEMENTS RSTRICED. THREE REMAINING AMERICAN
REPORTERS FILE FOR AP, AND CBS-NEWSDAY (WP).

REPORTS SAY 8 AMCITS, 4 OTHER FOREIGNERS, CAPTURED
DURING FIRST COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE IN MARCH ARE ALIVE,
WELL, UNDER DETENTION IN PLEIKU (WP), BUT DO NOT KNOW
WHEN WILL BE RELEASED. LEAVES ONLY 1 AMERICAN UNACCOUNTED
FOR IN SVN - LEWIS OF CONGEN NHA TRANG (PHINQ). EIGHT
AMCITS BEING HELD INCLUDE EMBASSY REP STRUHARIK, 5
MISSIONARIES, 1 STUDENT, 6-YR-OLD MISSIONARY DEPENDENT;
OTHER NATIONALITIES ARE 2 CANADIAN MISSIONARIES, 1
AUSSIE, 1 FIL (UPI NYT, CHITRIB). AMERICAN MD WHO
STAYED DA NANG WRITES THAT HE CONTINUES WORK, BEING
PAID IN RICE, PIASTERS (REUTER, NYT).

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SAIGON OFFICIAL CONFIRM FORMER ARVN SOLDIERS RESIST
NEW REGIME, HIDE OUT IN AREAS NORTH OF SAIGON; SOLDIERS
REPORTEDLY RAID PATROLS, BUSES TO GET FOOD, SUPPLIES.
HOLDOUTS BELIEV
ED OPERATING IN SMALL GROUPS, OT
CONSIDERED THREAT TO NEW GOVT (CHITRIB). SAIGON GOVT
INDICATED OPERATION MOUNTED ROOT-OUT HOLDOUTS (PHINQ;
WP). MIL POLICE INTENSIFY SEARCH FOR CIVIL, MIL,
POLICE OFFICIALS OF FORMER REGIME, SINCE DEADLINE FOR
REGISTRATION PASSED (WP).

WITHDRAWAL US EMBASSY OFFICIALS FROM VIENTIANE SPEEDED
UP TO REDUCE "NUMBER OF POTENTIAL HOSTAGES" ACCORDING

US SOURCES WHO SAY HABIB DIRECTED ACCELERATED REDUCTION, AND TOTAL WILL HIT 50 BY MONTH'S END. SITUATION HAS EASED CONSIDERABLY SINCE LATE LAST MONTH (CHITRIB). LAOS' REDS CLAMP CONTROLS ON SAVANNAKHET. SERIES OF ANTI-US STATEMENTS IN VIENTIANE GOES ON, RISES IN STRIDENCY. US-LAOTIAN MEETINGSON TURNING AID PROPERTY, PROJECTS OVER CONTINUE; PROPERTY BEING CATALOGUED. USIS BEING SCALED DOWN TO 3 US EMPLOYEES (NYT). LAST DEPENDENTS DEPART LAOS, LEAVING 142 US OFFICIALS (REUTER, NYT). MANY HUNDREDS LAOTIAN EMPLOYEES OF US BEING REFUSED PERMISSION GO TO USA

SINCE INELIGIBLE GET REFUGEE STATUS. US CONSULAR OFFICIALS IN THAILAND TURN THEM AWAY UNLESS HOLD VIET, CAMBODIAN PASSPORTS. LAOTIANS ENCOURAGED SEEK ASSISTANCE OTHER COUNTRIES, INTL ORGS. THOUSANDS LAOTIANS FLED INTO THAILAND, BUT RTG SENSITIVE ABOUT RELATIONS WITH LAOS, SAYS MAY STAY IN TRANSIT LIMITED TIME (ANDELMAN, NYT; EXCERPTED IN SUN). DOS WARE GROWING NUMBERS LAOTIANS WANT COME US, BUT SAYS FOR MOMENT LACKS LEGAL AUTHORITY ADMIT THEM BECAUSE PAROLE AUTHORITY LIMITED TO SVIETS; CAMBODIANS (NYT).

MILWAUKEE SUBURB CHURCH ASKED HELP RESETTLE SEA REFUGEE, BUT "NOT QUITE PREPARED" WHEN FORMER GKR PRES CHENG HENG, FAMILY, ARRIVED (NYT).

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2. CHINA

NCNA REPORTED TUESDAY PRC'S FIRST OFF-SHORE OIL DRILLING RIG HAS BEGUN OPERATING; NAME, "BOHAI NO. 1," SUGGESTS RIG'S LOCATION IN CHIHLI GULF, OFF NE CHINA (REUTER, LAT 6/4).

FORMER COL CHANG TIEH-SHIH, ONE OF 10 FORMER CHINAT OFFICERS WHO ARRIVED HK FROM PRC PRISON IN APRIL HOPING JOIN FAMILIES IN ROC, KILLED HIMSELF WEDNESDAY AFTER WAITING IN VAIN SEVEN WEEKS FOR GRC OK. HIS DEATH PRECEDED BY M NY WEEKS OF FRUSTRATION, INCREASING DESPAIR, BROUGHT ABOUT BY GRC ATTITUDE (NYT--EXCERPTED IN SUN).

3. JAPAN

NYT'S HALLORAN REPORTS JAPAN REASSESSING MILITARY POSTURE AFTER INDOCHINA FALL, WEAKENED US ASIAN POSITION. CITES REVIVAL NAT'L DEFENSE COUNCIL,

CLOSER STUDQ JAPANESE SECURITY NEEDS, YET SEES NO SIGN NEW MILITARISM. QUOTES DEP SECSTATE INGERSOLL ANY RETURN JAPANESE MILITARISM MEANS "TENSIONS WOULD RISE THROUGHOUT ASIA, COUNTRIES WOULD ARM, AND CHINA IN PARTICULAR WOULD REACT STRONGLY" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

MITI DISCLOSES JAPANESE EXPORTS FELL 7.3 PCT IN MAY. ATTRIBUTED TO GLOBAL RECESSION REDUCING FOREIGN DEMAND JAPANESE PRODUCTS (UPI, JOC).

STUDENT GROUP ARMED WITH STEEL PIPES ATTACKED 40 MEMBERS MARXIST ORGANIZATION ON OSAKA CITY UNIV CAMPUS 6/4, CAUSING 2 DEATHS, 3 SERIOUS INJURIES (AP, PHINQ; UPI, CHITRIB).

THREE MINOR EARTHQUAKES HIT TOKYO AREA 6/4; NO DAMAGES, CASUALTIES REPORTED(UPI,WP).

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JAPANESE SUPERTANKER RAN AGROUND TOKYO BAY 6/4, CAUSING OIL LEAKAGE; PATROL BOATS CONTAINED SPILLAGE (AP NYDN).

FIRST JAPANESE EDITION "PLAYBOY" HITS NEWSSTANDS, SOLD OUT SAME DAY. HEFNER EFFORT RESCUE FALLING PROFITS WITH NEW MARKET APPEARS PROFITABLE, THOUGH SOME PROBLEM WITH STRICT JAPANESE PORNO LAWS (SEIDEN, SUN).

US TREASURY RULES JAPAN NOT "DUMPING" LOW-PRICED JAPANESE-MADE HAND TOOLS ON US MARKET, BUT WILL STILL INVESTIGATE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF ANTIDUMPING ACT (WSJ).

4. KOREA

KOREA'S PARK JOON KYU AGAIN CRITICIZES BOTH US, JAPAN, FOR LOSING "SENSE OF URGENCY AND DIRECTION" ON KOREA. CITES ABSENSE CONCRETE US ACTION BACKING UP DEFENS TREATY, AND RECENT WITHDRAWAL MITSUBISHI INVESTMENT IN SK PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX.

VISITING JAPAN, PARK ADMITS 4 MIL DOL GULF OIL "GIFT" USED FOR POLITICALE PURPOSES, STATES: "SHOULDN'T HAPPEN AND WE WON'T REPEAT IT AGAIN " (JAMESON, LAT 6/4).

5. THAILAND/PHILIPPINES

HABIB TOLD NEWSMEN US DISREGARDED RTG REQUEST NOT USE ITS BASES FOR MAYAGUEZ RESCUE BECAUSE "CLEAR AND

PRESSING NEED" SAVE AMERICAN LIVES OUTWEIGHED THAI WISHES; ADDED MATTER NOT BROUGHT UP IN TALKS WITH KUKRIT. LATTER CONFIRMED THIS, SAID ASKED US HELP RESETTLE REFUGEES WHOSE PRESENCE IN THAILAND COULD JEOPARDIZE DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS (AP, SUN). KUKRIT STATED HABIB PROMISED FULL COOPERAT ON IN WITHDRAWAL US FORCES BY NEXT MARCH, AND THEY DISCUSSED WAYS OF IMPROVING RELATIONS (WP; UPI, NYT).

PREMIER ALSO INFORMED HABIB THAT RTG CONSIDERS VIET, UNCLASSIFIED

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KHMER REFUGEES WHO FLED TO THAILAND ARE US RESPONSIBILITY AND WOULD LIKE THEM REMOVED TO US, ELSEWHERE, ASAP (WP). PHILS HABIB'S NEXT STOP (UPI, NYT).

HABIB SAID HIS TALKS HAVE REASSURED OTHER GOVT LEADERS US WILL LIVE UP TO TREATY COMMITMENTS; WILL FLY TO PHILS 6/5 LHERE MARCOS PLANS MAJOR REASSESSMENT RELATIONSHIP WITH US. ASST SECY AVOIDED DIRECT COMMENT ON HOW US WOULD DEAL WITH RTG DESIRE REMAINING TROOPS BE WITHDRAWN; INDICATED THAI MIGHT EASE DEMAND (SUNDERLAND, NYDN).

6. BURMA

OVER 250 DIED WHEN HIGH WINDS RAVAGED IRRAWADDY DELTA LAST MONTH. FINAL TOLL NOT KNOWN SINCE 3 TOLNS HAD NOT YET REPORTED CASUALTIES (REUTER, WP).

7. AUSTRALIA/NZ

JOC'S STOVE, IN SYDNEY, REPORTS VIEW OF DISGRUNTLED OIL EXPLORERS THAT THERE HASN'T BEEN SIGNIFICANT OIL DISCOVERY IN AUSTRALIA DURING PAST 10 YEARS, NOR IS THERE LIKELY TO BE, UNLESS OIL EXPLORERS RECEIVE INCENTIVES AND ASSISTANCE FROM GOA.

YOUNG ARTIST, MILLIONAIRE BUSINESSMAN, SENTENCED MELBOURNE FOR COUNTERFEITING 265,000 US 20-DOL BILLS (WP).

JOC (LONDON) CITES COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT FIGURES SHOWING AUSSIE CATTLE SLAUGHTERINGS IN MARCH WERE AGAIN HIGHER THAN YEAR EARLIER; NZ BEEF PRODUCTION FOR EXPORT WAS AGAIN AT LOW LEVEL IN FEB, ALTHOUGH TOTAL FROM BEGINNING OF SEASON REMAINED HIGHER THAN YEAR EARLIER.

8. SOVIET SOUTH PACIFIC A-TESTS

DOD DISCLOSED WEDNESDAY SOVIET TESTED HUGE SS-18

MISSILE WITH MULTIPLE WARHEADS INTO PACIFIC AREA
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ABOUT 600 MILES NORTH OF MIDWAY TUESDAY FIRST TIME
IN MORE THAN YEAR (AP, WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP 6/4) POSE SEA GREAT MYSTERY: WHAT HAS
HAPPENED TO 3 MILLION KHMERS DRIVEN FROM HOMES INTO HINTER-
LAND BY CONQUERING COMMUNISTS? US UNABLE FIND OUT, THOUGH
AERIAL PHOTOS SHOW CITIES EMPTIED. FOR MANY, EXODUS MUST
HAVE BEEN DEATH MARCH; ANALYSTS BELIEVE HUNDREDS OF
THOUSANDS WILL STARVE TO DEATH; NO ONE HAS CALLED UPON KR
FOR ACCOUNTING. ANALYSTS BELIEVE KR ORTHODOX MAOISTS
SEEKING CONVERT COUNTRY INTO PEASANT SOCIETY. SPORADIC
REPORTS INDICATE COMMUNISTS EXECUTING ENTIRE FAMILIES MIL
OFFICERS, HIGH CIVILIAN OFFICIALS.

LAT'S LESLIE (6/3) IN VIENTIANE OBSERVES PL STARTING
WIELD NEWLY GAINED POWER, HAVE CLEANED OUT WESTERN-ORIENTED
PEOPLE FROM GOVT, EFFECTIVELY DISMANTLED VIENTIANE ARMY.
PEOPLES' LIFE CHANGED LITTLE SO FAR, BUT SENSE OF UNEASI-
NESS PREVAILS. BELIEVES FEEL ONLY AID ELEMENT THAT STANDS
CHANCE CONTINUED US SUPPORT. QUOTES WESTERN DIPLOMAT THAT
NOW LAOS HAVING SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC PHASE OF REVOLUTION;
AFTER COMPLETE PL CONTROL ASSURED, CP WILL "MOVE OUT FROM
THE SHADOWS."

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) QUOTE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF
MEETING WITH CONGRESSMEN THAT ON DAY BEFORE SAIGON
SURRENDER, PRES FORD STILL FIGHTING FOR MORE MIL AID
TO GVN. CALL ACTION "FORD'S FOLLY." KISSINGER

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